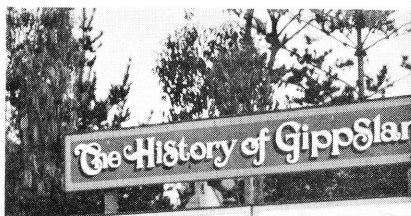
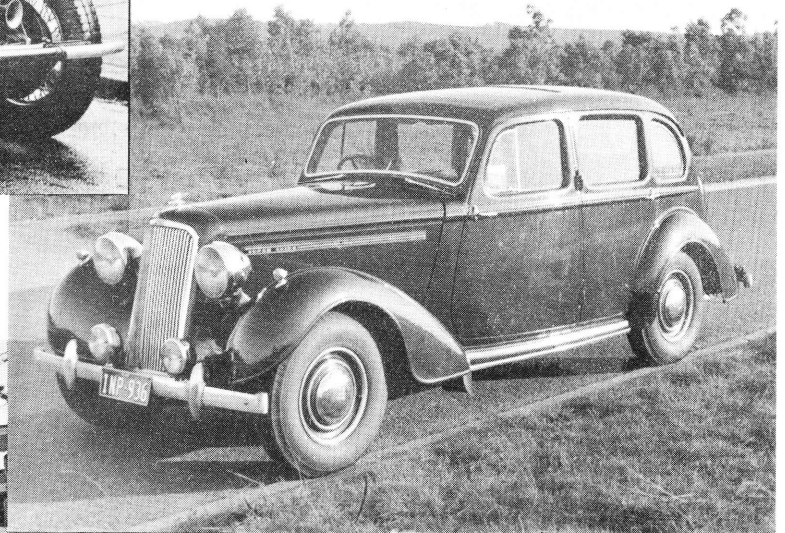
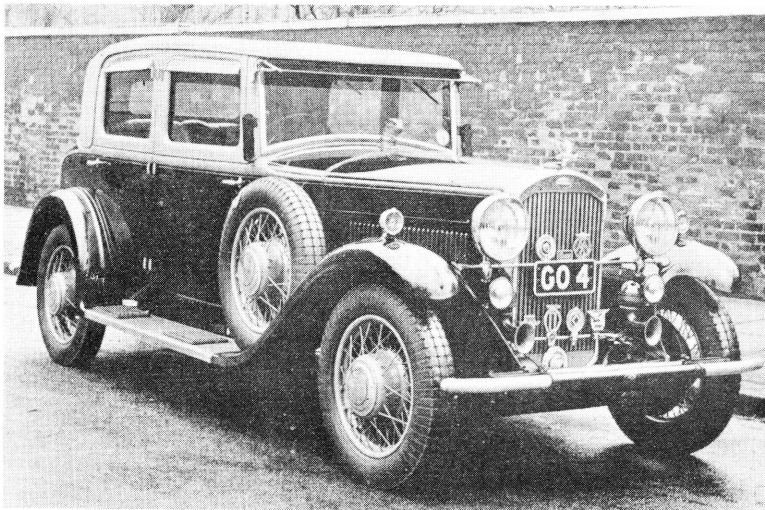


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HUMBER CAR CLUB OF VICTORIA

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Humber Car Club Calendar 1978

Social Functions

May 7	—	RAAF Museum
June 4, 5, 6	—	Echuca Steam Rally
July 9	—	Winery Tour
August 13	—	Historical Tour of Melbourne
Sept. 10	—	President's Run (Invitation to Daimler Lanchester Car Club)
Oct. 8	—	Economy Run (Invitation to Rover Car Club)
Nov. 12	—	Humber Car Club Concours
Dec. 10	—	M.G. Concours (to be confirmed)
Dec. 17	—	Humber Car Club v Wolseley Car Club Cricket Match

General Meetings

The Humber Car Club of Victoria meets on the fourth Friday of the month (unless indicated otherwise) at the "Theatrette", Camberwell Civic Centre, Inglesby Road, Camberwell. Please note: meeting commences at 8.00 p.m. sharp.

Dates of Forthcoming General Meetings in 1978

Friday, May 26	Friday, October 27
Friday, June 23	Friday November 24
Friday, July 28	No December meeting
Friday, August 25	Friday, January 26 (1979)
Friday, September 22	

All correspondence to: Secretary,
Humber Car Club of Victoria
P.O. Box 35,
Frankston

All Membership Subscriptions to: Treasurer,
Humber Car Club of Victoria
C/o David Raynor,
22 Pamela Street,
Noble Park.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I'M GLAD WE WENT TO ECHUCA WITH THE CLUB. NEITHER MARION OR I HAD BEEN TO ECHUCA, AND WE FOUND IT A MOST INTERESTING PLACE, AND ALREADY WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO GOING AGAIN NEXT YEAR.

TEN HUMBERS, ONE FAST YELLOW HOLDEN AND ONE BRAND NEW GEMINI MADE THE TRIP, AND THEIR OWNERS HAD THEM ALL LOOKING GREAT. COL MCKENZIE HAD A WORRYING TRIP UP - HE WENT THROUGH SEVERAL GALLONS OF OIL, DUE TO A SHEARED PETROL PUMP STUD. COL IMPROVISED TO OVERCOME THE PROBLEM IN FINE STYLE ON THE SUNDAY MORNING, AND HAD HIS CAR LOOKING STIC & SPAN IN TIME TO JOIN THE LINE OF HUMBERS ON THE SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

THERE IS NOTHING LIKE SPENDING A WEEK-END TOGETHER TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER. WE ALL THOUGHT BILL HOLMES KNEW HIS WAY AROUND ECHUCA FAIRLY WELL - WELL HE TOLD US HE DID, AND FOR A TIME WE BELIEVED HIM, BUT HE LED SIX CARS THREE TIMES AROUND ECHUCA LOOKING FOR A PLACE THAT WAS ONLY 500 YARDS DOWN THE ROAD FROM THE MOTEL. WE COULDN'T RUBBISH HIM TOO MUCH - WE NEEDED HIS BAR-B-Q. ALTHOUGH AS IT TURNED OUT, PETER DAVENPORT COULD HAVE CATERED FOR ALL OF US FROM THE REAR OF HIS CAR - A REGULAR KITCHEN ON WHEELS.

THE ARRIVAL OF THE FOUR STEAM TRACTION VEHICLES FROM MELBOURNE WAS QUITE MOVING. THEY RECEIVED A TERRIFIC WELCOME FROM THE ASSEMBLED STEAM TRACTION AND STATIONARY STEAM ENGINES, AND THEY ALL BLEW THEIR WHISTLES AT EACH ~~OR~~ ~~OTHER~~ OTHER MADLY!! THOSE WHISTLES HAVE A SOUND ALL OF THEIR OWN. AND THE PARADE OF THE VINTAGE & VETERAN CARS WAS WELL WORTH ~~MX~~ SEEING.

AND ON TOP OF SEEING ALL THESE INTERESTING EVENTS, THE BUNYIP WENT BETTER THAN IT HAS FOR A LONG, LONG, TIME - ITS AMAZING THE DIFFERENCE A CLEAN EXHAUST SYSTEM CAN MAKE. A GOOD WEEKEND.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THE
23RD

REG HATTERSLEY

SECRETARY'S NOTES:-

AS YOU READ DOWN THE CLUB CALENDER YOU WILL FIND OUTINGS DEALING WITH HISTORY, COMPETITION WITH OTHER CAR CLUBS AND JUST PLAIN FUN. MOST OF THE HISTORICAL OUTINGS ARE VISITS TO RATHER STATIC DISPLAYS OF HISTORY. BUT THOSE ON THE ECHUCA WEEKEND FOUND THEMSELVES IN THE MIDDLE OF LIVING HISTORY. IT IS MY OPINION THAT ON NO OTHER ITEM OF OUR CALENDER COULD COMPARE WITH THE ECHUCA STEAM RALLY. THOSE WHO WENT THIS YEAR I'M SURE WOULD GO AGAIN, BUT IF YOU HAVEN'T AS YET BEEN AND WOULD LIKE TO GO IN '79 GET YOUR NAMES DOWN EARLY SO THAT WE KNOW EXACTLY HOW MANY TO ORGANISE MEALS ETC FOR. ITS A SHAME THE HEALESVILLE TOUR WAS NOT BETTER ATTENDED.

I ALSO ~~HAXXHX~~ HAVE A ~~XH~~ TECHNICAL TIP THAT I THINK BOB WONT MIND MY PASSING ON TO YOU. FOR EASIER STARTING THESE COLD MORNINGS PULL ON, OR RATHER SLIDE ON THE CHOKE FULLY THE NIGHT BEFORE. FOR INSTANCE WHEN FINISHED WITH THE VEHICLE THAT NIGHT, SWITCH OFF THE ENGINE ~~XKXMXH~~ THEN PULL ON THE CHOKE. THIS ELIMINATES FREEZING OF THE PROGRESSION PORTS BELOW THE VENTURI. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THIS WORKS ON SIDE DRAUGHT CARS BUT IT CERTAINLY WORKS ON DOWN DRAUGHT CARS, ESPECIALLY ON MY DODGE V8 (A FAIR BEAST WHEN COLD).

ANOTHER POINT WORTH REMEMBERING IS THAT AN ENGINE RUNNING BELOW RUNNING TEMP. IS MORE LIKELY TO COME TO AN EARLY DEMISE THAN ONE RUNNING A LITTLE TOO HOT. IF YOUR CAR IS TAKING TOO LONG TO WARM UP AND KEEP ITS "WARM" THEN A WINTER THERMOSTAT IS A GOOD INVESTMENT. TYRES ARE PRONE TO CUTTING MORE THAN WEARING IN THE WET DUE TO WATER ACTING AS A LUBRICANT FOR GLASS, METAL AND EVEN SHARP STONES TO PENETRATE THE TREAD SO NEXT TIME YOUR CHECKING THE AIR IN THEM DONT ONLY LOOK "AT" THE TREAD, LOOK "INTO" IT FOR SLITS CUTS OR FOREIGN MATERIALS. A BLOW-OUT IN THE WET IS TOTALLY UNCONTROLLABLE OVER 50MPH. IT PAYS TO KEEP THE SPEED DOWN IN THE WET AND TO KEEP A SHARPER EYE OUT FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS, ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT S THAT WE WONT BE LATE FOR FRIDAYS MEETING.

SEE YOU THERE
DES JUDD

MINUTES OF MAY GENERAL MEETING:-

PRESIDENT OPENED MEETING AT 8.15PM

1. APOLOGIES READ
2. MINUTES & CORRESPONDENCE PASSED
3. TREASURERS REPORT AT \$350-47
4. SOCIAL REPORT
 - a) FINAL DETAILS OF ECHUCA STEAM RALLY
 - b) HEALESVILLE OUTING ANNOUNCED
 - c) JULY OUTING TO KALLYBROOK WINERY
5. AMMENDMENT TO ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ CONSTITUTION ITEM 1
PARAGRAPH F RE: MEMBERSHIP OVERDUE 90 DAYS WARRENTS
JOINING FEE - MOVED IAN FOREMAN SEC. RALF CHALMERS
CARRIED.
- 6) ECONOMY RUN WITH ROVER C.C. ANNOUNCED
7. PETER DAVENPORT DONATED BOOKS TO LIBRARY.

MEETING CLOSED 9.00PM

EDITORIAL

THE MK111 SNIPE WAS LEFT TO FEND FOR ITSELF FOR A FORTNIGHT WHILST MARIE AND I WENT AND VISITED SUNNY SURFERS PARADISE. WE SPENT 10 DAYS IN COOLANGATTA AND 2 DAYS IN BRISBANE AND I DIDN'T HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DRIVE A CAR, LET ALONE PICK UP A SPANNER BUT EX THERE WAS ONE CONSOLATION, THAT IS, I'VE STOPPED BITING MY NAILS (THE WIFE SAYS IT WAS BECAUSE I ALWAYS HAD A CAN IN MY HAND).

THE MOTEL WE STAYED AT ARRANGED TOURS TO THE DISCO'S ETC AND ALL THE SOBER PARTICIPANTS WOULD CRAM INTO A VERY OLD, VERY RATTLY, DOUBLE DECKER BUS WHICH WOULD CONVEY US TO THE "NIGHT-SPOTS" AND THEN RETURN EVERYONE BACK TO THE MOTEL.

INDICATIONS OF THE BUS'S AGE WERE MOST EVIDENT IN WOODEN FRAMED "SLIDE-UP" WINDOWS, OLD BRASS WINDOW CATCHES AND A VERY WEATHERED OLD SIGN SAYING "DO NOT CONVERSE WITH DRIVER WHILST BUS IS IN MOTION" - BELIEVE ME THIS BUS WAS PERMANENTLY IN MOTION.

UPON ARRIVING AT OUR DESTINATION EVERYBODY WOULD PILE OUT OF THE BUS AND INTO THE DISCO - INCLUDING THE DRIVER. AT AROUND MIDNIGHT THE PARTY GOERS WOULD BE POURED BACK INTO THE BUS (IT'S A WONDER SOME OF THE BLOKES DIDN'T TURN TO LIQUID) TO TRAVELL BACK TO THE MOTEL.

NOW FOR ~~RENN~~ THE GOOD PART, EVERYONE WANTS TO BE IN ~~THE~~ THE TOP SECTION, THIS DOES AMAZING THINGS TO THE POOR OLD BUS'S CENTRE OF GRAVITY, LUCKILY THE OLD GIRL MANAGES TO KEEP HER FOUR WHEELS ON THE GROUND. THE THING I CAN'T WORK OUT IS HOW THE DRIVER MANAGES TO GET THE BOTTOM HALF AROUND A CORNER WHILST THE TOP HALF IS GOING THE OTHER WAY.

A MILE OR SO FROM COOLANGATTA THERE IS GILLTRAPS MOTOR MUSEUM. THIS WAS FOUNDED BY THE LATE GEORGE GILLTRAP IN 1959.

AFTER GEORGE'S DEATH IN 1966 HIS FAMILY CONTINUED TO RUN THE MUSEUM. I BELIEVE THAT THE TWO SONS RECENTLY HAVE PARTED COMPANY AND MANY OF THE ORIGINAL CARS ARE NOW LOCATED ELSEWHERE.

GILLTRAPS MUSEUM FEATURES WORKING EXHIBITIONS OF VETERAN CARS AND THESE EXHIBITIONS ARE QUITE HUMOROUS AS SOME OF THE ECCENTRICITIES OF THE CARS ARE SHOWN IN ACTUAL ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ PRACTICE.

ONE SUCH CAR WAS A 1914 TWOMBLEY WHICH HAD INFINITELY VARIABLE TRANSMISSION IN BOTH REVERSE AND FORWARD GEARS. THIS WAS ACHIEVED BY A FRICTION DISC (FLYWHEEL) AND THE TRANSMISSION DRIVE WAS A DISC AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE FLYWHEEL. AS THE TRANSMISSION DISC WAS MOVED TO THE OUTER PERIMETER OF THE FLYWHEEL ITS SPEED WAS INCREASED. THIS TRANSMISSION WAS TERRIFIC UNTIL A SPOT OF ENGINE OIL FOUND ITS WAY ONTO THE FLYWHEEL AND BEING FRICTION DRIVE BETWEEN THEM THE VEHICLE REMAINED MOTIONLESS.

ANOTHER INTERESTING CAR WAS A 1914 DETROIT ELECTRIC CAR WHICH WAS POWERED BY BATTERIES. THE CAR LOOKED LIKE A STAGE COACH WITH HEADLAMPS. THE STEERING WAS BY TILLER AND BEING ELECTRIC THE CAR WAS "DEAD" QUIET (ESPECIALLY COMPARED WITH THE OTHER VETERANS). THIS DETROIT ELECTRIC WAS STILL IN EXCELLENT ORIGINAL ORDER.

A LARGE PROPORTION OF THE CARS IN THE MUSEUM WERE IN ORIGINAL ORDER AND OBVIOUSLY SOME OF THEM NEEDED MINOR RESTORATION. THE CARS THAT I SAW INCLUDED:-

XXX 1902 Albion	1903 Panhard et Levassor
1904 Darraq (Genevieve)	1905 De Dion Bouton
1906 Ford Model N	1907 Cadillac
1908 Vulcan	1909 Ford Model T
1909 Renault	1910 AC Souable
1910 Panhard et Levassor	1914 Detroit Electric
1914 Twombley	1918 Australian EX Six
1922 Franklin	1923 Ford T
1923 Rolls Royce	1923 Austin 7
1925 Chevrolet	1925 Stanley Steamer
1926 Ford T	1927 Triumph
1929 Ford A	1950 Hudson (racing car)
1948 Holden	1955 Ferrari (racing car)

IF YOU'RE VISITING THE GOLD COAST THE MUSEUM IS WELL WORTH THE VISIT.

JOHN

GUEST SPEAKER FOR JUNE MEETING:-

A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MOTOR CLUBS WILL TALK ON THE ASSOCIATIONS OBJECTIVES. THE TALK WILL COMMENCE AT 8.00PM SHARP THEN AT 8.30PM THERE WILL BE QUESTION TIME UNTIL 9.00.

THE HCCV WILL COMMENCE ITS GENERAL MEETING AT 9.00PM.

PLEASE NOTE: THE GUEST SPEAKER WILL COMMENCE AT 8.00PM SHARP.

CLUB BADGES

UNFORTUNATELY DUE TO MY HOLIDAYS THE NAMETAG BADGES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE THIS MONTH.

CARS AND PARTS FOR SALE OR WANTED

1964 HUMBER HAWK 120,000 MILES, RECOND. HEAD, RECOND AUTO REG. EXPIRES JULY \$350 - MIKE LANE ~~XXXXXXXX~~ 439-3494.

* FREE MK 11 SNIPE BODY SHELL STRAIGHT, NOT RUST OTHERWISE IT GOES TO THE TIP.

* SELL PANELS (BONNET BOOT ETC) AND PARTS TO SUIT SER 1V SNIPE VERY VERY CHEAP

* WANTED DOOR HINGES TO SUIT MK111 SNIPE - JOHN BROWNE 758-7526

SNIPES SNIPPETS:-

I BELIEVE THAT IN THE FUTURE THERE WILL BE A FEW HUMBERS³ USING NON-ORIGINAL MUFFLERS - DAVID BROWN TRACTOR MUFFLERS, THAT ARE STOVE ENAMELLED ETC., PRETTY FLASH AND PRETTY CHEAP TOO FROM WHAT THE SNIPE TELLS ME.

THANK YOU TO THE HCCV AND ITS MEMBERS FOR THEIR KIND THOUGHTS AND THE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS.

BEV LINDORF.

SNIPES SNIPPETS (CONT)

HEARD THAT BILL HOLMES WASN'T EXACTLY FLOODED WITH OFFERS OF HELP IN RUBBING DOWN HIS SER V SNIPE. BILL STILL NEEDS A HAND. PHONE 397-7836.

THANK YOU TO DAVID DAVENPORT (PETER DAVENPORTS SON) FOR OFFERING HIS ADVICE AND OPERATING THE PROJECTORS FOR THE FILM AT THE MAY GENERAL MEETING.

BOB WAS SEEN AT ECHUCA NEEDING A WALKING STICK TO TAKE THE WIEGHT FROM A SORE LEG (FOOT?) ANYWAY HOPE YOU'RE BETTER NOW BOB, BUT YOU'VE EARNED THE NAME:- HOP-A-LONG KENNEDY.

HUMBER CAR CLUB ADVERTISING CARDS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT JUNE MEETING.

KX TECHNICAL INFORMATION:-

IN LAST MONTHS NEWSLETTER IT WAS MENTIONED THAT THE INDICATOR ASSY/HEADLIGHT ~~KX~~ FLASHER THAT IS FITTED TO SER IV CARS ON, CAN BE REPAIRED WITH A SPRING KIT.

THIS IS QUITE CORRECT AND IF YOU FIND ANY OTHER PART OF THE ASSEMBLY IS FAULTY (IE BROKEN STEM ETC) THE WHOLE UNIT WILL HAVE TO BE REPLACED.

AFTER A PERIOD OF USE THE CASTING BODY OF THE ASSY BECOMES WORN ON THE AREAS THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH THE NYLON SPRING. THE UNIT COMPLETE COSTS \$26 EACH TRADE. (LUCAS SALES & SERVICE).

THE SER VA (I THINK SER V ALSO) HAVE A DIFFERENT INDICATOR UNIT TO THE SER IV AND ~~EXXMM~~ CANNOT BE INTER-CHANGED AS THE HORN RING CONTACT POST IS A DIFFERENT HEIGHT. THE POST CANNOT BE REMOVED FROM ONE INDICATOR ASSY TO ANOTHER AS IT IS CLAMPED ONTO THE BODY CASTING (GOOD OLD LUCAS LOGIC!!!)

VALLEY FORGE MOTORS IN MOORABBIN STILL HAVE MANY NEW SPARES TO SUIT SERIES CARS AND WILL GIVE TRADE DISCOUNT TO CLUB MEMBERS.

RECENTLY I'VE HEARD SOME SAD TALES OF FAULTY WORK THAT HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT ON SERIES CARS - MY ADVICE IS TO HAVE WORK DONE BY THE SPECIALISTS (EG BRAKES - PATONS BRAKES) OR CHECK WITH THE CLUB TECH. OFFICER, IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHERE TO HAVE RELIABLE WORK DONE, COME TO GENERAL MEETINGS AND ASK AROUND AND YOU'LL CERTAINLY GET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SOME ORGANIZATIONS AND TOLD TO KEEP WELL AWAY FROM OTHERS.

LIKE EVERYONE ELSE I DESTEST PAYING GOOD MONEY FOR A JOB THAT IS POORLY CARRIED OUT.

JOHN BROWNE